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Old Fort High School, Old Fort, N. C.—Geo. B. Strickland, Principal: Additional local tax of 20 cents voted, making the maintenance tax now 50 cents.

Grace School, Asheville, R. 1—W. M. Reed, Principal: Two additional rooms built, one for high school and one for elementary grades; one additional teacher employed; basketball court and equipment provided.

Franklin High School, Franklin, N. C.—W. H. Crawford, Principal: One extra high school teacher added; \$250 spent for improvement on the building; high school seated with new desks; secured the services of a whole-time janitor; \$100 worth of books added to the library.

Glenwood High School, Nealsville, N. C.—Miss Hettie B. Rochelle, Principal: Bonds have been voted and taxes levied for a \$20,000 high school building; one teacher has been added to the high school department; high school course increased from three to four years with a two-year course in science and French.

PRIZE ESSAYS FOR TEACHERS OF GEOGRAPHY

THE *Journal of Geography* announces a \$300 prize plan of interest to teachers of geography.

Three prizes are offered for the best essays, one each in the following groups of subjects:

1. A prize of \$100 for the best outline of a lesson for pupils of any grade in the grammar school, junior high school or high school on one of the following topics:

- (a) South Africa or Brazil.
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- (c) Either the political or the commercial geography of the Baltic.

2. A prize of \$100 for the best criticism of the present type of textbook presentation of any subject in geography.

3. A prize of \$100 for the best essay illustrating how a given geographical subject should be written up for the teacher. It should not exceed four thousand words in length.

Competition is open to teachers of all grades from the grammar school to the university. The judges will be the editorial staff of the American Geographical Society, who, before making the awards, will consult an

advisory committee of the Society as well as educators and various specialists in geography. The award will be announced in the May, 1920, number of the *Journal*, and manuscripts should be in hand by February 15, 1920. Address: American Geographical Society, Broadway at 15th Street, New York City.

HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCES

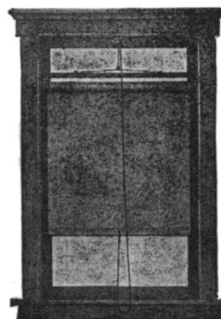
THE five conferences of high school principals which have been held this fall have been well attended by both superintendents and principals. At the Asheville meeting (October 3-4) there were about sixty in attendance; at the Charlotte meeting (October 10-11) there was about the same number; at the Greensboro meeting (October 17-18) the attendance was about one hundred; at the Greenville meeting (October 31-November 1) there were about sixty; at the Goldsboro meeting (November 7-8) there were about fifty. Keen interest was manifested in each meeting, and in many instances significant progress was reported by the principals. The program of the meetings appeared in our October number. Some of the items of progress reported appear in this number.

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